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APPLICANT: Robert Alvin May  
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TITLE: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING REDUNDANT  
ROUTING CAPABILITIES FOR A NETWORK NODE  
EXAMINER: Dunn, Darrin D.  
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**APPLICANT'S COMMENTS ON REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

These comments are responsive to the Notice of Allowance mailed on April 25, 2011.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication of allowance of Claims (i.e., claims 47, 48 and 50). Applicant respectfully urges that additional and/or alternative reasons for allowance may exist apart from the arguments or remarks made by the Examiner and/or the Applicant during the prosecution of the above captioned case and thus are not limited to those statements. These reasons may each be independently sufficient to establish the patentability of one or more of Claims (i.e., claims 47, 48 and 50).

Applicant respectfully reserves the right to introduce, articulate, or otherwise comment on any such additional reasons for allowance as may be appropriate in any future proceedings concerning the one or more claimed embodiments.

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Respectfully submitted,

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